

~~50~~ 49. The method of claim ~~42~~<sup>43</sup>, wherein, after insertion of at least one decorative layer, a fiber layer is inserted into a hot press and the layers are pressed together with said carrier.

~~51~~ 50. The method of claim ~~42~~<sup>43</sup>, further comprising embossing a surface structure on at least one decorative layer.

~~52~~ 51. The method of claim ~~42~~<sup>43</sup>, wherein said carrier is mixed with natural reinforcing fibers.

~~53~~ 52. The method of claim ~~51~~<sup>52</sup>, wherein said natural reinforcing fibers are selected from the group consisting of hemp, cellulose, and wood fibers.

#### REMARKS

The amendments have been taken to adapt this application to United States practice. No new matter has been added.

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